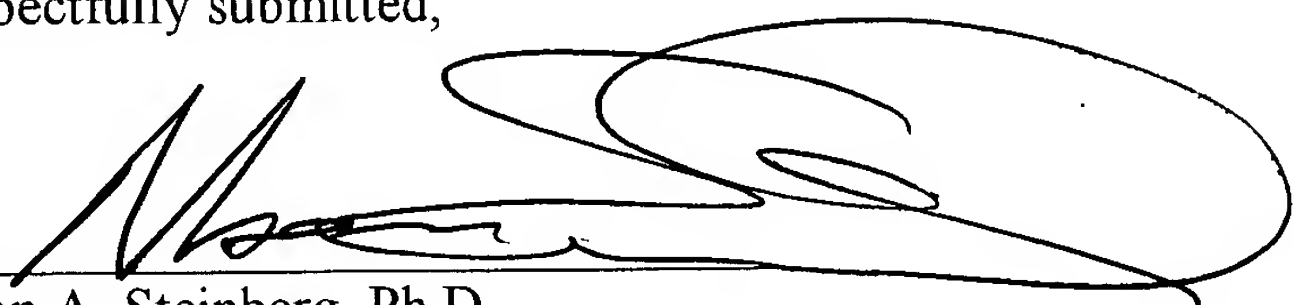


**REMARKS**

Applicant's amendment at page 1, line 6, is to insert a statement of government rights. It has only recently become known to Applicant's undersigned attorney that government funding may have been involved in bringing the claimed invention to conception and/or to reduction to practice, and therefore this amendment is made necessary.

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